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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady on 8-16 lb. frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Demand light to moderate, best on frozen for Thanksgiving and best on fresh for Easter. No sales reported for frozen with moderate sales reported for fresh. Offerings adequate for current requirements. The bulk parts and meats was slow with most buyers cautious and price conscience.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow with sales centered on mechanically separated turkey and tom drums. Supplies in a full range, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Demand from buyers price selective also.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 08, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	66.50	858	SEP	80	APR
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	63.50	438	SEP	80	APR

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 8 APRIL 2003.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and wing meat with skin was steady to barely steady and steady on scapula. The trade sentiment on destrapped tenderloins was mostly steady, however, some increased availability was noted on frozen. White meat inquiry ranged from slow to instances moderate for the adequate to sometimes ample offerings. Part loads of drums traded at premiums in the West while others note softness in the market place. Increased offers of tom full-cut wings were noted with more sellers willing to negotiate. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings ranged from adequate to instances burdensome with some sellers more willing to discount into export channels while trying to hold at steady price levels for domestic shipments. Domestic trading was light on all items with activity centered on Grade A basted 14-20 lb. breasts at 92 cents delivered and frozen destrapped tenderloins with -6 months age. Export trading centered on a fair volume of fresh tom drums 20 cents delivered during April, balance slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	93.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	86.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	21.00	50
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.00	174
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00		17.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	17.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.20	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	6
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	122.00		122.00	10
THIGH MEAT	52.00		52.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.56	183
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	70.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT		F	62.83	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	101.00		101.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.23	26
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	624
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00		51.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	94
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 APRIL 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was mostly steady on necks, steady to barely steady on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings and steady to instances weak on full-cut wings. Domestic demand slow. Offerings of tom bulk parts were mixed with necks ranging light to adequate, drums uneven with some held with more confidence than others, 2-joint wings adequate to fully adequate and full-cut wings adequate to ample. Export demand sluggish with some concentrating on border crossing issues at the Mexican border while others watch for developments concerning Russia. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins with -3 months age, balance slow. Fresh wing meat traded at 54 and fresh scapula at 65 cents delivered domestic. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen mechanically separated turkey at lower trending prices, balance slow.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	93.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	220
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	86.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.67	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	21.00		21.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	17.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	17.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.20	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	22.50		22.50	20
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	120.00		120.00	80
THIGH MEAT		T	52.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.56	183
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	70.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT		F	62.83	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	106.00		106.00	360
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	117.00		117.00	76
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	10
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.25		17.25	572
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	51.00	40

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/09/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	10,310	345,868	346,168
2001-2002	-	342,187	342,487

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